

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments above. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to his counsel during the telephonic interview on April 13, 2006.

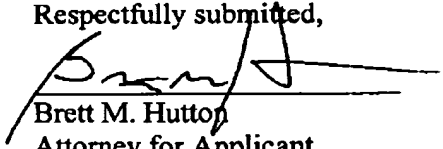
CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 8 and 15 are patentable over the applied prior art. The dependent claims are believed allowable for the same reasons noted above in connection with independent claims from which they directly or ultimately depend, as well as for their own additional features.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided. If any extension of time is required for this Response, the Office may charge Deposit Account No. 081935 of the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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